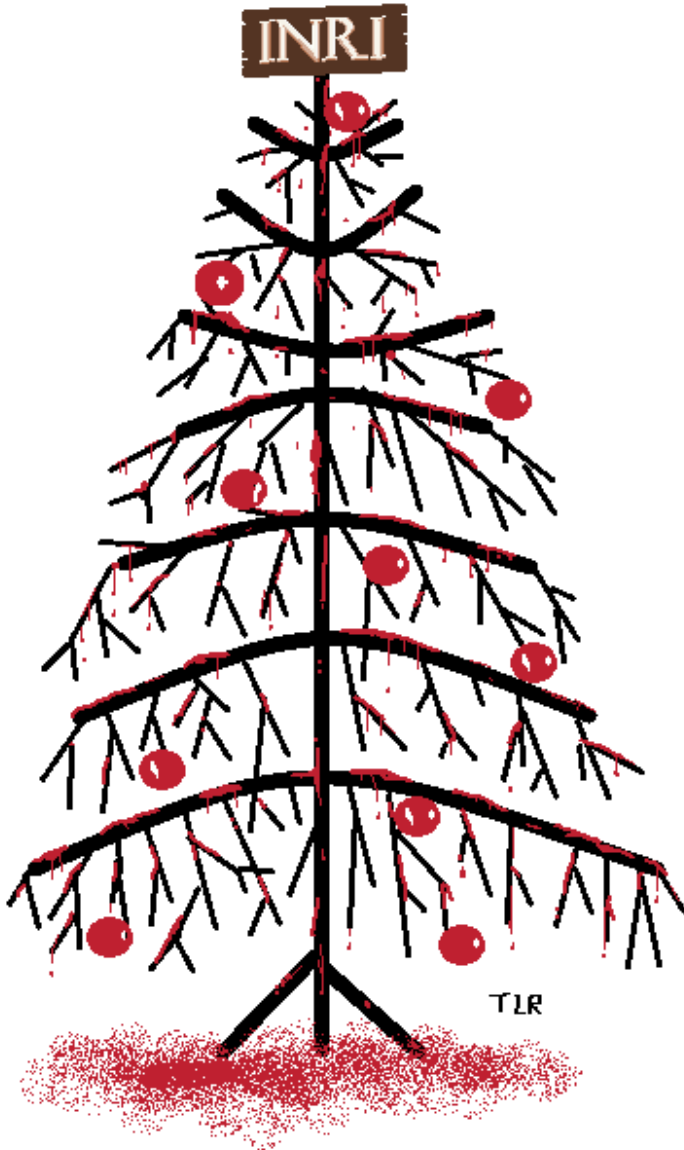


O CHRISTMAS TREE...



CHRIST REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, HAVING BECOME A CURSE FOR US—FOR IT IS WRITTEN, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"
— GAL. 3:13 (NASB'95)

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
DECEMBER THE 15TH, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of December, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*



- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -



Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

In our examination of Church History, we examine some exemplary leaders of the past whose testimony still shines brightly to this very day.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship.* *“Go Tell it on the Mountain”* (#127; refrain only)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* (#130; vv. 1, 3, 4).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-27.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”* (#118).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“Little Baby Jesus”* (#129).

Dismissal for Children's Church.

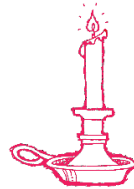
Greeting One Another.

Message: *“O CHRISTMAS TREE.”*

Closing Hymn.* *“Silent Night, Holy Night!”* (#122).

Benediction.*

**Please stand, if able.*



Week of Dec. 8 – Dec. 14

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—15;

Midweek—4; Offering—\$983.⁰⁰

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IVAN "BUD" LUTHER (1934–2024)

Every week I would greet Bud Luther with this question: "*How are you this morning?*" And each week, without fail, his invariable response was: "*I can't complain for an old man!*" Last Sunday was no exception to this tradition—one that illustrated his basic attitude of personal acceptance and contentment with his duly appointed lot in life (Job 1:21).

Little did we realize that these would literally be his final hours with us before entering the realm of Eternity—a solemn reminder of the brevity and unpredictability of our earthly existence, and frailty of our mortal frame (Ps. 39:4-7).

Valley Grace Brethren Church mourns the loss of our dear brother—but we must also rejoice in the **hope** that we as believers share in Christ! Yes, we grieve—as is both natural and proper in light of the separation that Death brings (John 11:35). And yet, we do *not* grieve as the rest—the unregenerate world—which is destitute of all hope and certainty (1 Thess. 4:13). We are thankful to God for the good and precious gift of the fellowship that we enjoyed with our brother (James 1:17), and for the testimony that he leaves behind, including 64 years of unbroken union with his dear wife, Laura, who went home in 2022. We also praise God for Bud's strong example of regular weekly attendance at the local assembly in obedience to the command of God (Heb. 10:25)—right up to the **very day** he died!!!



Finally, we are thankful that by the grace of God, this separation is but *temporal* in nature, through the saving-work of Christ. In this matter, we prefer the French expression "*au revoir*" instead of our English "good-by"—which has a sort of ominous *finality* attached to it. In contrast, "*au revoir*" literally means "**until we see each other again!**" (1 Thess. 4:17-18)

DECEMBER EVENTS



Our special candlelight **Christmas Eve Service** will be on Tuesday evening, **Dec. 24**, at **7:00 PM**. Please invite friends to share in the worship of our wonderful Savior and in the warmth of traditional carols, special readings, and in the glow of our collective fellowship!



Kathy Sloan and her staff from the **Child Evangelism Fellowship** will be with us on **Friday, Dec. 27**, from **10:00 AM to Noon** for a **Christmas Party** event for young people (Preschool through Elementary School Age).

Please be inviting any interested parties!



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